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York County Sheriff's Department Wins "COPS" Grant

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that the York County Sheriff's Department has been awarded a \$66,842 federal grant to help pay expenses resulting from increased overtime budgets due to homeland security patrols and services.

Spratt said the grant, from the Justice Department's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), will supplement locally funded officer overtime budgets for one year and cover up to 75 percent of the total projected overtime costs for homeland security training, increased homeland security patrols, and other activities related to the prevention of violent or drug related crimes. A 25 percent local cash match is required.

Since 1995, COPS has provided more than \$6.9 billion to nearly 13,000 state and local law enforcement agencies to hire over 118,000 officers, deputies, and troopers. COPS also provides law enforcement agencies with an array of community policing training and technical assistance resources.

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